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The Official Name is:

Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park

State Park Commission Also Directs "Cultural Preserve" for Native American Sites

FORT BRAGG -- Meeting today at the Town Hall, the California State Park and Recreation Commission voted 5-0 to officially set the name and the classification for the State Parks' Point Cabrillo property.

The name chosen is: Point Cabrillo Light Station; and the classification is: State Historic Park; the two terms joined together, as in the headline of this release, make up the full name for the park property.

"Our Commission toured this amazingly authentic light station and we heard from those who have poured their hearts into the renovation and operation of this wonderful place," said Caryl Hart, chairwoman of the commission. "When it came time to vote, our choice was clear and we were delighted to choose a name that draws special attention to this historic site."

"But in addition," added Hart, "we also felt strongly about acknowledging the Native American presence and we directed our staff to begin working to designate a section within the site as a Cultural Preserve."

Under California State Parks' guidelines, the purpose of a cultural preserve is to protect such features as sites, buildings, or zones, which represent significant places or events in the flow of human experiences in California.

The Point Cabrillo Light Station is comprised of the lighthouse, three original lightkeepers' houses, outbuildings, a new visitor center and a museum. Those who have worked on restoring the historic station state that no other light stations have as many near-original buildings that remain today in such near-original condition.

For more information, contact the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association at (707) 937-6122 or online at www.pointcabrillo.org. ###